

## REMARKS

### A. ALLOWABILITY OF CLAIMS

The Office Action notes that claims "1-31" are allowed. However, only claims 1-2, 4-10 and 12-34 are pending, since claims 3 and 11 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed May 13, 2003. Accordingly, it is understood that claims 1-2, 4-10 and 12-31 are allowed.

### B. REJECTED CLAIMS

The remaining claims 32-34 are canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer, so any rejections related thereto, are mooted.

### C. AMENDMENTS

The Specification, including the drawings, abstract and claims 4 and 5, have been amended to a minor extent to improve grammar, spelling, and clarity.

### D. PTO 892

In the PTO Form 892 attached to the December 22, 2003 Office Action, there was cited U.S. Patent No. 3,977,758, and a copy of the reference was supplied to Applicant. It has been noticed that the last page of the copy of the patent supplied to Applicant, i.e., Cols. 3 and 4, is from U.S. Patent No. 3,977,724. The copy of U.S. Patent No. 3,977,758 on the PTO website also includes this same erroneous last page.

To ensure a complete record, attached is a correct copy of U.S. Patent No. 3,977,758.

### E. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

On December 19, 2003, prior to the issuance of the December 22, 2003 Office Action, Applicant had filed an IDS. To ensure that same is considered, attached is a copy, along with a copy of the date-stamped post card.

In the December 19, 2003 IDS, two Japanese references, and English translations of Abstracts thereof were filed. For the Examiner's convenience, the attached new IDS submits more full English translations of these references.

The attached IDS also submits two U.S. publications that share an inventor/assignee and disclose related technology to the present application. Publication No. US 2003/0143921 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,656,011. It is not believed that either publication serves as prior art against the claims herein, even under 102(e) (1), since neither published application was filed before the filing date of the present application.

Otherwise, the attached new IDS submits references related to motor attachments and/or motor electrical connections

### **CONCLUSION**

In accordance with the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-2, 4-10 and 12-31 are in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect in this application which is under "Special" status, is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Response a on the, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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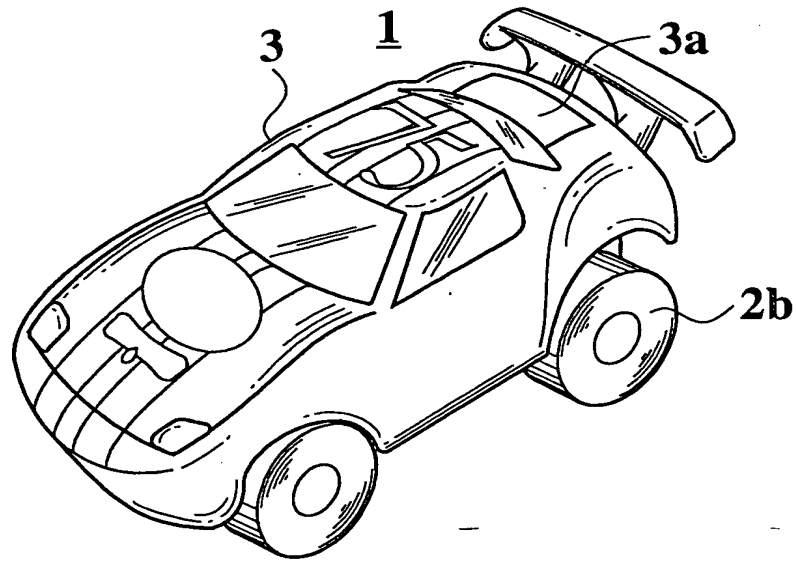
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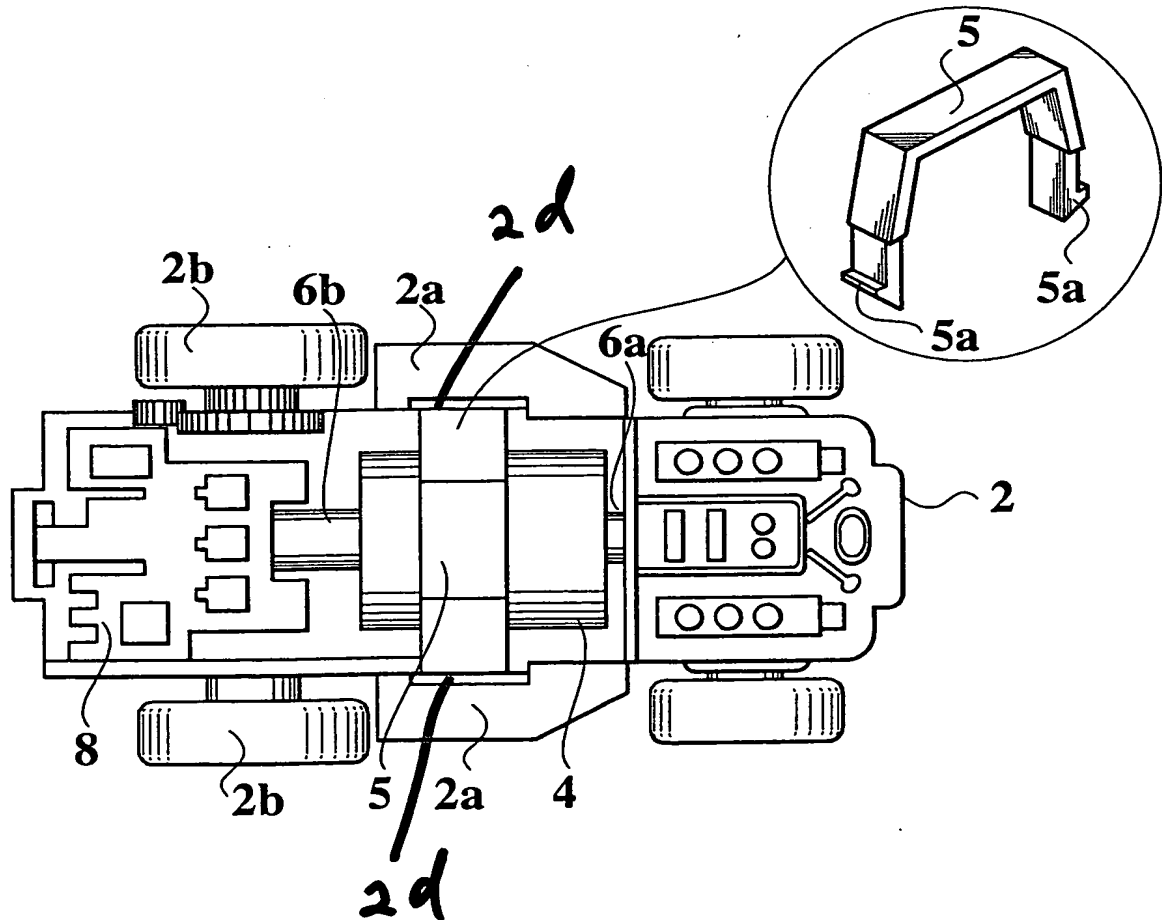
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**FIG. 1**



**FIG. 2**





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**FIG. 5**

